S.No	States/UTs	1998	1999	2000
26.	Uttar Pradesh	7095	6917	8462
27.	West Bengal	15	9	14
28.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0 0	1 0	1 1
29.	Chandigarh	1	1	1
30.	D&N Haveli			
31.	Daman & Diu	0	1	1
32.	Delhi	7	14	15
33.	Lakshadweep	0 1	0	1
34.	Pondicherry		2	4
	TOTAL:	27561	26285	30315

1. NA: Not Available
2. The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 does not extend in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Identification of Untouchability-Prone Areas

4916. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact mat only three States have identified untouchability-prone areas;

(b) if so, the reasons for slow pace of identification of untouchabi lity-prone areas in the country;

(c) whether all the States/UTs have set-up Special Courts to inquire into the cases of untouchabi)ity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the States where such courts are yet to be set-up alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b)The States of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra have identified untouchability-prone areas. Surveys are in progress in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) to (e) Twenty-two Special Mobile Courts in Andhra Pradesh and four exclusive special courts in Tamil Nadu have been set up. In Karnataka, all Judicial Magistrate First Class Courts at Taluk Head Quarters undertake trail of cases under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and in Madhya Pradesh; the cases are attend to by the District Courts.

Pathetic condition of children in Juvenile Homes

†4917. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of children in Juvenile Homes set-up by Govemment is very pitiable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the behaviour of officers towards the children of these Homes is very harsh and cruel in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made by Govemment to improve the condition of these Homes?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) According to report received from the Govemment of NCT of Delhi, it is not correct that the condition of children in Juvenile homes is pitiable and the behaviour of officers towards the children of these Homes is very harsh and cruel. The Department run homes are providing boarding, lodging, recreation, medical facilities, education, vocational training to the juveniles.

Atrocities on SC and ST Women

†4918. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in incidents of rape and atrocities with the women belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) the details thereof for the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the action Govemment have taken to check such incidents; and

(d) the outcome of the action taken by Govemment?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.